

REMARKS

The status of the application is as follows: All of the pending claims (claims 1- 5, 7, 9, 11-16, 18 and 20-25) have been allowed. The Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed on November 1, 2007. The issue fee has not yet been paid.

In this Rule 312 amendment after allowance, the allowed method claims 1-5, 7, 9 and 11 have been preserved and the allowed system claims 12-16, 18 and 20-25 have been cancelled. These system claims have been cancelled solely for the purpose of placing all method claims in one patent to issue from the present application, and moving the allowed claims contained in other classes of statutory subject matter to a separate continuation application. Once this amendment is entered, applicants will file the continuation application that includes the allowed non-method claims.

This amendment is correcting two minor informalities in claim 1 as presented by the examiner in the notice of allowability. This amendment does not touch the merits of the present application, nor does it change the scope of the claims. Further, the amendment is not being submitted for the purpose of providing justification to continue the prosecution of the current application.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the present amendment should be entered.

It is clear from the MPEP 714.16 that the examiner is empowered to enter amendments filed under CFR 1.312 for the sole purpose of cancelling allowed claims from the application. If it is determined that the amendment will not be entered, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite the resolution of any outstanding issues in connection with the present application.

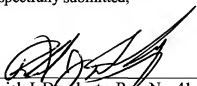
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Respectfully submitted,

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